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Dear Gary,

Whoever intercepted my stuff when I left Mpls forced me to get this decent portable that I've been using today to escape the heat. I find I can even type with it on my lap, as I did when a young man reporting sports. Today, for the first time, I've felt the heat, yet was not uncomfortable from it. Wierd. No sweating, just oppression in breathing. After the nap I now try and take at least once a day, I found the porch, on which I'd worked this morning, too hot, came in the house and was usddenly sorry Lil hadn't turned the air conditioners on. So, after reading an hour or so while the temperature goes down, back at it.

The enclosed letters are for your information only. Jim's may interest you. I send it only in fairness to him, having sent you mine. It does not surprise me, nor does some of the reasoning. I suggest some of it qualifies me in your specialty, you having gotten my diagnosis early. For him, however, it is quite gracious and I read into it, especially into the reason for the communication gap, a subconscious recognition of the reality. It was delayed reaching me, as the enclosed copy of my letter to louis shows, probably for innocent reasons. Please do not do what might embarrass him by making any reference to it to anyone. The letter from Mary, which is overly generous, will help prepare you for your trip. I fully expected, after speaking to her or you last Friday night at Bud's, that she would either make such an offer or make suitable arrangements for you. If she comes here, there is little I will withhold from her. She and Arch impressed me as decent people of the most honorable and unselfish intent. I hope you will accept her invitation. I think it may be the most important single thing you can do in Dallas. And her conservative perspective may in many ways be helpful. It certainly will not be any kind of barrier, and it wasn't between her and Arch and me. I am confident it never will be.

I hope you will not be doing a Hal and carrying files with you, in your case for security. You should have reasonable security at home. If not, go to the bus station. For 25¢.... Which leads me to the newest letter from the brother. I hope to reply by the time I mail this. If it cools off, we may go out after supper, for a ride. I expect to go swimming again before supper, which will delay the letter-writing, but that I do almost religiously, not only because I enjoy it, but because I regard it as better than medicine. Of which I take none nayway.

Olson's 7/9: If you need photographic service in KC, ask John Nichols and tell him I told you to. Tell him also why I have been silent. Phone him anyway. Home, AD6-5252;off NI2-9460. That could be NO. Don has good points on the camera mechanism. He should first inquire at any good camera store. They may also have specs that may interest him. Tell him I have a dupe, any time he is in this area. I remain convinced a vertical deviation requires explanation, and the frames in that region are so clear it is difficult to believe the obvious explanation, he moved the camera upward slightly. On the boxes, try and get him to examine Willis 12. When you see Phil (please give him my best, with regrets for not being able to get to N.O.-and tell him why) perhaps he will project the original or what he thinks is the original. If he does, perhaps Olson would consider making a tracing from the projected enlargement? I tried to encourage O to use what I have in WW as a beginning point. DJ to Mondale 7/7, I'd be inclined not to interpret RE as you suggest,if in joke. If they meant it they'd not say it. It is because you initiated his interest and he spoke in that sense. What is interesting is that other than the chief of the criminal division or his deputized answered. That may be the normal bureaucratic structure with Congress. Good move, going well. To Dick 7/11: by now you know Cleaver is in Algeria. I hunch he'll stay in Africa. He can be reached through Ramparts. He is still writing for them, roving editor according to electronic news here. I had earlier suggested to Dick he let it drop (I asked him to initiate) for reasons I could only hint at. He and you may have understood.

Looking forward to Square, etc. Suggest safer to mark each thing I am to return rather than inform me separately and risk my forgetting. I will want copy of that but not in any rush. In fact, I'd like to see every issue. I get more interested in thatboperators all the time.

But, back burner, for Agt O....You did sent ltr to Fred, I think...I'm doing no unnecessary copying to save time and money, both scarce, effort, which I husband. I cannot afford needed service on machone or new supply paper. I use Thermofax when possible, for that cheaper, but that machine was worn out when I got it....Paul R has the ms of an early MMonroe expose book. I didn't take time to read. If you can, without great trouble, get me a copy of that one, please do. Perhaps Mary has one...Capell's name is familiar but I do not place...I do not get Newsweek. ...No new ideas on chores. You not get all you plan done and spend much time profiting from what Mary wants us to profit from. They are entirely unselfish, I am satisfied....Northwestern psych prof: heard on local radio, wrote for copy. But you did not enclose the clip in the letter. ...Dick and photos: I thought I'd told him of Patsy...I have some questions about the Julia Ann Mercer story, which does make it important that she be interviewed by someone seeking truth, not a good press. But I never asked her address. I assume You has or can get it. Vince can get it for you. I believe she is no longer in Dallas. He can also get a good copy of the signature and the statement. You can get others from Archives for comparison.

Somehow I have the illusion my typing is less awful on this Hermes. In any event, the keyboard is identical on letters, so you can make the same interpolations in my standard errors.

= Have a good trip. Please do not discuss with anyone those I have seen in Dallas. It is better that all remain anonymous, save Paul Curry, Z, Perry, Paines, Machann. If it stays hot and I go out and mail this tonight, I may not have the copies enclosed, for if it stays hot in the office, where the air conditioning doesn't reach, so I have it closed off, I'll not subject myself to that as once I would. In that evebt, tomorrow's mail should reach you before you leave and none of it is essential for that anyway.

Thanks for good wishes.

Best,